

## **The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement**

- A. We urge the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7% below 1990 levels by 2012, including efforts to: reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, efficient motor vehicles, and biofuels;
- B. We urge the U.S. Congress to pass the bipartisan Climate Stewardship Act sponsored by Senators McCain and Lieberman and Representatives Gilchrist and Olver, which would create a flexible, market-based system of tradable allowances among emitting industries; and
- C. We will strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking actions in our own operations and communities such as:
  - 1. Inventory global warming emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create an action plan.
  - 2. Adopt and enforce land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities;
  - 3. Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;
  - 4. Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example, investing in "green tags", advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, and recovering landfill methane for energy production;
  - 5. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
  - 6. Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for City use;
  - 7. Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or a similar system;
  - 8. Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
  - 9. Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;
  - 10. Increase recycling rates in City operations and in the community;
  - 11. Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO<sub>2</sub>; and
  - 12. Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.